

Substitute Bill No. 6018

January Session, 2015



## AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COMPANY SERVICE RESTORATION FOR CUSTOMERS WITH SERIOUS HEALTH CONDITIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 16-32h of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2015*):
- 3 (NEW) (i) The Public Utilities Regulatory Authority shall initiate a
- 4 docket to establish industry specific standards for acceptable
- 5 performance by each utility in an emergency to protect customers who
- 6 are diagnosed with a serious health condition, as defined in section 31-
- 7 51kk. Such standards shall require prioritizing and facilitating
- 8 restoration of service outages and disruptions and reducing the
- 9 duration of such outages and disruptions for such customers,
- including, but not limited to, the following requirements for each such
- 11 utility:
- 12 (1) Keeping an updated list of customers who are diagnosed with a
- 13 serious health condition;
- 14 (2) Publishing relevant information on its Internet web site
- 15 regarding how a customer may notify the utility regarding a serious
- 16 health condition; and

17 (3) Providing staff training on how to promptly restore service in 18 the event of service outages and disruptions for customers with a 19 serious health condition.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 October 1, 2015 16-32h

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Sec. 1(i)(3), "in the event of service" was inserted for clarity.

**ET** Joint Favorable Subst.